

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A two handled shovel for clearing a surface, the shovel comprising:
a blade having a concave, forward-facing surface, a rear edge and a straight leading edge
which contacts the surface;

a main handle fixedly attached to the blade near the rear edge; and

an auxiliary handle pivotally attached to side lugs located at either end of the blade near
the leading edge;

wherein the auxiliary handle is free to pivot about an axis defined by the leading edge
independent of the main handle.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The shovel of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the auxiliary handle comprises a
central stem extending from a free end to a first horizontal member, two diagonal struts
extending from the central stem to opposing ends of the first horizontal member, and two side
members extending from the diagonal struts and pivotally attached to the blade near the leading
edge.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The shovel of claim 3 further comprising a second horizontal member
connecting the diagonal struts along an axis intermediate the first horizontal member and the free
end of the stem.

6. (Withdrawn) The shovel of claim 1 wherein the auxiliary handle comprises a stem

extending from a free end to a fork, the fork comprising arms pivotally attached to the blade near the leading edge.

7. (Withdrawn) The shovel of claim 6 wherein the arms are pivotally attached to side lugs located near either end of the blade leading edge.

8. (Withdrawn) The shovel of claim 6 wherein the fork is substantially U-shaped.

9. (Withdrawn) The shovel of claim 6 further comprising a cross-bar mounted on the stem intermediate the free end and the fork.

10. (Original) A method of shoveling involving two users, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a shovel having a blade having a straight leading edge which contacts the surface, a main handle fixedly attached to the blade, and an auxiliary handle pivotally attached to the blade near the leading edge, wherein the auxiliary handle is free to pivot about an axis defined by the leading edge independent of the main handle; and

pushing the blade with the main handle by a first user while pulling the blade with the auxiliary handle by a second user.

11. (Withdrawn) The shovel of claim 1 wherein the blade has a forward facing surface and the auxiliary handle is pivotally attached to the blade such that the auxiliary handle can be rotated in front of the forward facing surface.